



GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

*ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED FINAL 2008 REVISION TO THE
OWENS VALLEY PM₁₀ PLANNING AREA DEMONSTRATION OF ATTAINMENT
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, INCORPORATED ORDER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE 42316 AND
FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, January 28, 2008, the Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) will conduct a public hearing and consider for adoption a proposed final 2008 revision to the previously-adopted Owens Valley PM₁₀ Planning Area Demonstration of Attainment State Implementation Plan (2008 SIP). The public hearing, and the Governing Board's consideration for adoption, will occur at the District Governing Board's regular meeting on **Monday, January 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Inyo County Administrative Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 224 North Edwards Street (US Hwy 395), Independence, California 93526**. At the meeting, the District Governing Board will: 1) consider and approve the Final 2008 Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (2008 SEIR) that analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed project; 2) consider and approve the 2008 SIP, and 3) consider and adopt an order authorized by California Health & Safety Code Sec. 42316 for the City of Los Angeles (City) to install, operate and maintain additional dust control measures on the Owens Lake bed. Other actions related to these actions may also be taken at the meeting. Members of the public will have an opportunity to submit written comments or make oral statements at the public hearing on both the 2008 SIP and 2008 SEIR.

The GBUAPCD prepared the 2008 SIP for the control of fine dust emissions (PM₁₀) in response to a finding by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) that the Owens Valley Planning Area did not attain the 24-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for PM₁₀.

On November 13, 2003, the GBUAPCD approved the 2003 Revised State Implementation Plan for the Owens Valley Planning Area (2003 SIP), which was later approved by the California Air Resources Board. The 2003 SIP is currently implemented under GBUAPCD Board Order #03111301, which primarily addresses the PM₁₀ control requirements to reduce wind-blown PM₁₀ emissions from the exposed playa at Owens Lake. The 2003 SIP control strategy ordered the City to control PM₁₀ emissions from the dried bed of Owens Lake by using shallow flooding, managed vegetation, and/or gravel coverings on 29.8 square miles of the lake bed. The 2003 SIP was intended to demonstrate attainment with the PM₁₀ NAAQS by December 31, 2006 by implementing control measures over the three years prior to that date. By December 31, 2006, the City met their deadline and had implemented dust control measures on all 29.8 square miles of the lake bed as required in the 2003 SIP.

In 2006, a dispute arose between the GBUAPCD and the City regarding requirements to control dust from additional areas at Owens Lake beyond the 29.8 square miles of emissive area identified in the 2003 SIP. On December 4, 2006 a Settlement Agreement was approved by both parties to resolve this dispute. Under the major provisions of this agreement, the City agreed to implement an additional 13.2 square miles of dust control measures on the lake bed (for a total of 43 square miles) by April 1, 2010 and the District agreed to revise the 2003 SIP before March 1, 2008 to incorporate the provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

The proposed project consists of additional dust control measures to be constructed on the dried bed of Owens Lake at the southern end of Owens Valley, in Inyo County, in eastern-central California. The primary goal of the proposed project is to continue to reduce dust emissions from the dry lake bed to attain the 24-hour NAAQS for PM₁₀ by March, 2012. The 2008 SIP contains the project location, history, air quality setting, emission inventory, control measures, air quality modeling, control strategy, and enabling legislation.

A draft of the 2008 SIP and its incorporated order under the provisions of California Health and Safety Code Section 42316 were made available for public review and comment between September 16, 2007 and October 30, 2007. The GBUAPCD received, reviewed and responded to the comments. The draft 2008 SIP and order were then revised. The proposed final 2008 SIP and order will be available for public review after December 20, 2007 at the GBUAPCD's Bishop Office, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California, 93514, at the GBUAPCD web-site: www.gbuapcd.org, and at Inyo County Libraries in Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Lone Pine, Death Valley and Tecopa, California. Copies of the 2008 SIP on CD are free of charge upon request and hardcopies will be available at reproduction cost (\$35). Copies of the Final 2008 SEIR will be available after January 17, 2008. All copy requests can be made by calling Wendy Sugimura, GBUAPCD Board Clerk, at (760) 872-8211.

GBUAPCD staff encourages those who have comments on the 2008 SIP to attend the meeting on January 28, 2008 and submit written comments or make oral statements to the Governing Board prior to their approval of the Final 2008 SEIR and 2008 SIP.